

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

**Date:** March 19, 2009

**Place:** Legislative Dining Room

**Convened:** 3/19/2009  
10:40 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 3/19/2009  
11:40 AM

**Present:** Senators Olive-CH, Courtney-VC, Wieck  
Representatives Lensing-CH, Ford-VC, Watts-RM, Baudler, Berry, Olson, S., Sorenson,  
Swaim

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senators Ward-RM, Sodders  
Representative Whitead

Representative Lensing called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

The roll was taken and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Representative Lensing introduced John Quinn, Director, Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Public Safety. Mr. Quinn gave a brief statement that due to the ongoing Atalissa investigation, he was only able to provide limited information to the committee. He was able to say, however, that he felt good progress was being made, and that he was pleased with the cooperation among the agencies involved.

Mr. Quinn opened the floor for questions and a brief discussion followed.

Representative Lensing then introduced William Angrick, Ombudsman from the Office of Citizen's Aide/Ombudsman. Mr. Angrick gave an extensive report regarding his office and it's activities.

Mr. Angrick's report included the General Ombudsman Statistics for 2008, Child Support Modification, Report on Use of Restraint Chairs in Iowa Jails and Mental Health as a Larger Social Issue in Iowa. He brought the committee up to date on monitoring of Glenwood and Atalissa by his office and also covered Civil Commitment Issues and the CPC Survey. He spoke of the challenge to go beyond mental illness and include mental retardation and developmental disability in their programming, services, and protection.

Mr. Angrick underscored the need for a single point of contact, citing the recommendation from his office's 2000 Duis report. Finally, Mr. Angrick touched on Public Records, Open Meetings, and Privacy, particularly the impact of electronic record keeping and data collection.

Mr. Angrick opened the floor to questions and discussion followed.

Representative Berry moved to arise and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

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Representative Vicki S. Lensing

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Patricia Van Cleave, Committee Secretary